

Clark Fork River Basin 2011 Water Supply Outlook Meeting

April 26, 2011

Meeting Sponsors

- Clark Fork River Basin Task Force
- University of Montana Department of Geography

Thank You!

- Jesse Aber, Staff Person for the Governor's Drought Advisory Committee
- Ann Schwend, DNRC Water Planner
- Dr. Sarah Halvorson, UM Department of Geography

Meeting Objectives

- Experts from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, National Weather Service, Bureau of Reclamation, and DNRC will discuss present the snowpack, climate summary and forecasts, water storage levels, and wildfire outlook.
- Learn about:
 - The US Geological Survey Montana Streamflow Web Site;
 - The Montana Drought Advisory Committee and its web site; and
 - The Montana Climate Office.
- Discuss when and in what form water supply forecasts best fit water user needs.

Agenda

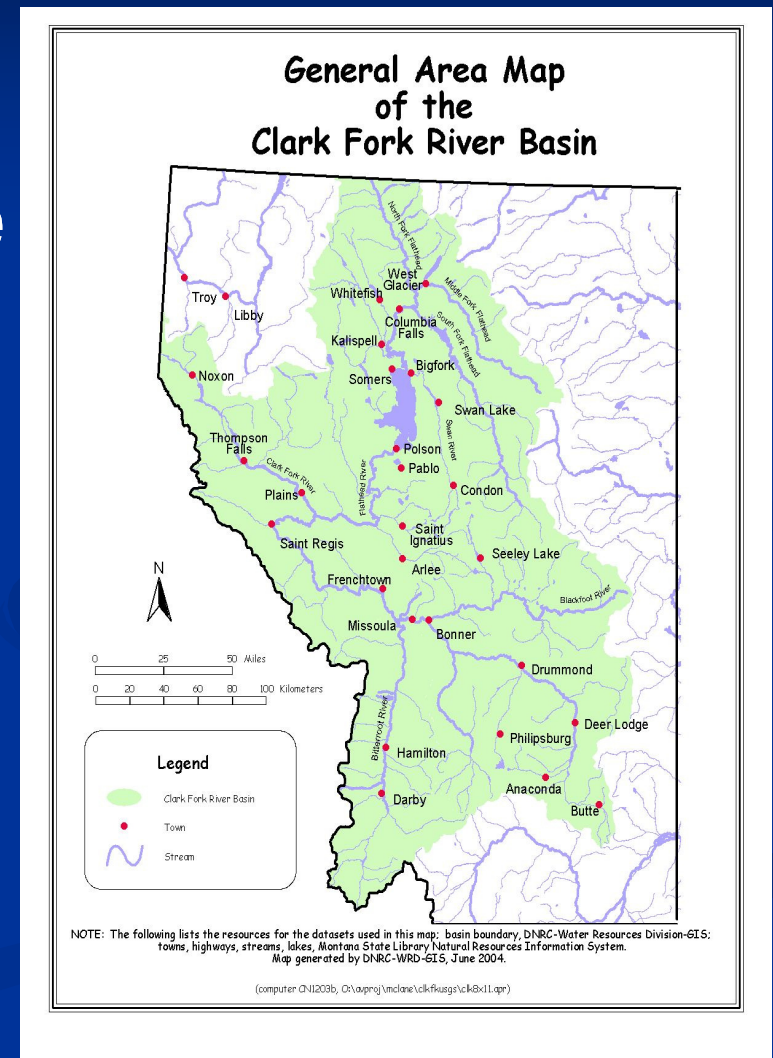
- 10:15 AM - Montana Drought Status County Map and Governor's Drought Report
- 10:30 AM - National Weather Service Climate Summary and Forecasts
- 11:00 AM - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Mountain Precipitation Surface Water Supply
- 11:30 AM - US Geological Survey Montana Streamflow Web Site
- 11:45 AM - US Bureau of Reclamation Reservoir Status / Supply Outlook
- Noon - Lunch and Drought Committee Website
www.drought.mt.gov

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- 1:15 PM - Montana DNRC Reservoir Storage Contents / Outlook
- 1:30 PM - Montana DNRC Preliminary wildfire Season Outlook
- 1:45 PM - Montana Climate Office
- 2:00 PM - Break
- 2:15 PM - Q&A and Discussion
- 2:30 PM - Adjourn

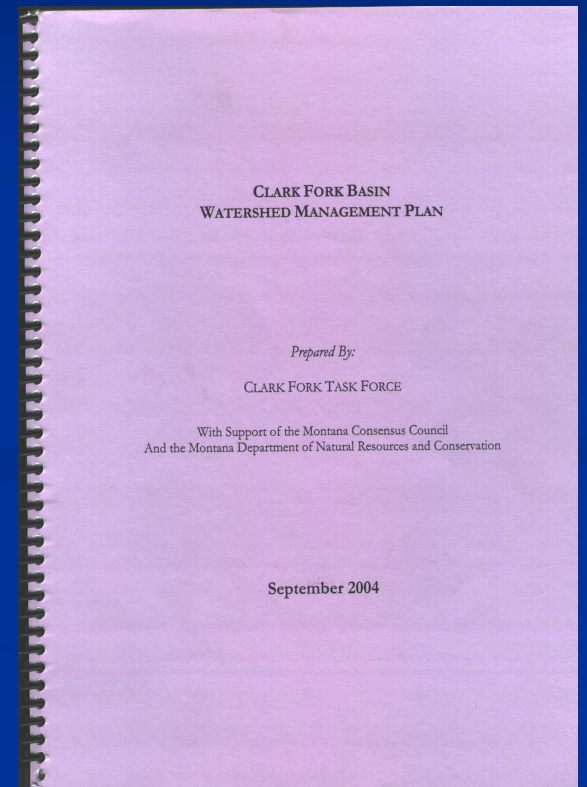
Clark Fork Task Force

- Established by statute
- Members representative of the basin geography & water interests
- Duties include adopting & implementing basin water management plan for basin



Clark Fork River Basin Watershed Management Plan

- Basin water management adopted in 2004 and incorporated into the State Water Plan in 2005.
- Plan available at http://dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/water_mgmt/clarkforkbasin_taskforce/water_mgmt_plan.asp



Watershed Management Plan Revision

- Task Force is currently revising the Water Management Plan.
- Plan will include a drought component.
- First semi-annual drought/water supply outlook meetings:
 - Spring meeting focused on water supply outlook.
 - Fall meeting will review water year and basin's response to it.

Questions Regarding Meeting?